MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: My doubt is whether the Government have made any arrangement by which yarn could be obtained at cheaper rates by persons engaged in the handloom weaving industry in the State.

PRESIDENT: That is just what the department has done.

Industries in the State.

264. ✱**MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state what measures they have taken since the outbreak of the present war for fostering and organising industries in the State in the light of the new situation that has arisen?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (1) Special arrangements were made for the supplies of certain chemicals required for industrial purposes.

(2) Yarns were arranged for and procured at advantageous rates.

(3) Adequate arrangements were made for increasing the output of the Ceramic Factory.

(4) Investigations are being made about the possibility of manufacturing cement and bleaching powder in the State.

(5) Negotiations are in progress with reference to the installation of an aluminium production plant.

Ceramic Factory at Kundara.

265. ✱**MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the original estimate for the chimney at the Ceramic Factory at Kundara;

(*b*) whether the chimney is cracked in several places; and

(*c*) the amount spent in repairing the same?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Rs. 11,344.

(*b*) There are a few cracks, and steps have been taken for remedying this.

(*c*) Rs. 1,134.

Mining operations at the Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory at Kundara.

266. ✱**MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) under whose supervision the mining operations at the Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory at Kundara are being conducted; and

(*b*) his qualifications for this post?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Mr. Bankey Beharilal C. I. S. M., Mining Supervisor.

(*b*) He is a diploma holder of the Government of India School of Mines, Dhanbad and has experience in Mining operations, assaying, ore dressing, underground field work and surveying.

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